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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
 THROUGH : Deputy Director (Support)
 SUBJECT : Promotion of Air Force Reserve Officers

1. Under the provisions of Department of Air Force Regulations an Air Force Reserve Officer not on active duty may be recommended for promotion to fill a position vacancy after he has been assigned to the mobilization program of Headquarters USAF for at least 6 months, provided he meets the following minimum time in grade requirements:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Time in Grade</u>
2d Lieutenant	1st Lieutenant	3 years
1st Lieutenant	Captain	2 years
Captain	Major	4 years
Major	Lieutenant Colonel	4 years
Lieutenant Colonel	Colonel	3 years

2. Heretofore, Air Force Reserve Officers not on active duty have not been eligible for consideration for promotion unless they were occupying a position vacancy of a higher grade. However, under the provisions of the Reserve Officer Personnel Act of 1954 (ROPA), which becomes effective 1 July 1955, irrespective of vacancies, such officers must be considered and, if selected, promoted upon completion of time in grade and total commissioned service as follows:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Time in Grade</u>	<u>Total Commissioned Service</u>
2d Lieutenant	1st Lieutenant	3 years	3 years
1st Lieutenant	Captain	4 years	7 years
Captain	Major	7 years	14 years
Major	Lieutenant Colonel	7 years	21 years

3. Reserve officers assigned to the CIA sponsored Mobilization Designation Program, Headquarters USAF, will start becoming eligible for recommendation for promotion on 20 April 1955 by virtue of having been assigned to the program for at least 6 months.

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4. Vacancies exist in the CIA Mobilization Designation Program under which the Agency would recommend a considerable number of officers for promotion and most of our Air Force Reservists meet the minimum time in grade requirements outlined in paragraph 1 above. However, it is my opinion that such recommendations should be limited to those officers who have completed the maximum time in grade as prescribed by ROPA, at least until such time as CIA's Reserve Program is completely organized and a firm determination has been made as to our quantitative and qualitative military personnel requirements in event of mobilization. Tables showing authorized and actual strengths and the numbers of officers who have completed the time in grade prescribed by ROPA are at Tab A.

5. ROPA does not prescribe mandatory consideration of reserve officers for promotion to the grade of colonel. The criterion for this grade will be determined by Headquarters, U. S. Air Force on the basis of estimated vacancies. With the exception of two officers, it is believed that recommendations for promotion to this grade should be withheld pending announcement of the Air Force program.

I believe that these officers should be recommended for promotion at the earliest possible date.

6. In view of the above it is requested that this office, in coordination with the Air Force Unit Commander, be authorized to:

a. Prepare recommendations for promotion to the grades of 1st lieutenant, captain, major and lieutenant colonel on those Air Force Reserve Officers who have completed at least 3, 4, 7 and 7 years in grade respectively, and

b. Prepare recommendations for promotion to the grade of colonel for those officers referred to in paragraph 5, above.

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7. This memorandum has been coordinated with and concurred in by the Commanding Officer of the CIA Air Force Reserve Unit.

SIGNED

Harrison G. Reynolds
Director of Personnel

Attachment
Tab A

CONCUR:

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TAB
ACIA AIR FORCE RESERVE UNITI - Authorized and Actual Strength

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>AUTH</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VACANCIES</u>
Colonel			
Lt. Colonel			
Major			
Captain			
Lieutenant			
TOTAL			
M/Sgt			
T/Sgt			

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II - Proposed Promotion Recommendations

<u>TO GRADE</u>	<u>VACANCIES</u>	<u>(1) PROPOSED PROMOTIONS</u>	<u>VACANCIES AFTER PROMOTIONS</u>
Colonel			
Lt. Colonel			
Major			
Captain			
1st Lieutenant			
TOTAL			

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(1) Based on available records, the numbers indicated have or will have completed the prescribed time in grade prior to 30 June 1955.

(2) Lieutenants (1st and 2d) are carried under one authorization.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL CABELL

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Attached for your approval is a proposal to promote ☐ Air Force Reserve officers, members of ☐

The proposal originates because of the imminent (1 July) effective date of the Reserve Officers Personnel Act of 1954, and the provision therein that such promotions may be effected regardless of prior restrictions on the existence of actual position vacancies. Only senior Air Force Reserve Officers in the Agency detachment are being recommended for promotion - those meeting time-in-grade requirements and the stipulation that they shall have been members of the detachment in a mobilization status for at least six months. It is recommended that promotion of any

others await definition of our quantitative and qualitative reserve mobilization requirements.

I am in agreement with the substance of this study, have concurred in its findings and recommend your signature.

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